

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Oceanside Board of Education, Oceanside Union Free School District, duly called and held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at School #6, 145 Merle Avenue, Oceanside, New York.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In Attendance: President Garrity, Vice President Schoell, Mr. Blau, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and Mr. Transom. Also in attendance were Superintendent Harrington and Assistant Superintendents Provvido and Van Cott. Mr. Maresca and Dr. DeRosa were not in attendance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garrity and seconded by Mrs. Schoell at 6:04 p.m. to move into executive session in the Board Room of the District Office.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garrity and seconded by Mr. Blau at 7:21 p.m. to adjourn executive session and move into public session.

In Attendance: President Garrity, Vice President Schoell, Mr. Blau, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern and Mr. Transom. Also in attendance were Superintendent Harrington and Assistant Superintendents Provvido and Van Cott and District Clerk Green. Mr. Maresca and Dr. DeRosa were not in attendance.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

**OCEANSIDE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SURVEY** – Mr. Risener introduced Eve Waltermaurer, Ph.D, of SUNY New Paltz. She is a consultant with the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services Epidemiology Unit and specializes in social and behavioral research. Dr. Waltermaurer summarized the findings from the Oceanside Youth Development Survey. The survey was designed to measure the levels of youth problem behaviors, such as substance use and underage drinking as well as bullying and sexting. This survey was completed on-line by 2,330 students (anonymously) in grades 7 through 12 for an overall response rate of 90%. An equal number of males and females participated. A few areas that Dr. Waltermaurer highlighted included the use of alcohol, drug and tobacco abuse as well as anti-social behavior. The importance of this survey is to promote healthy youth development and to address the underlying factors of substance abuse and problem behaviors so they can be improved upon by programs and strategies.

Sara Dowler thanked her students for attending tonight's meeting. She explained that substance abuse and problem behaviors are a community problem. Ms. Dowler introduced Pamela Mizzi who spoke about collaborating with communities to form strong local coalitions to promote strategies designed to reduce risk factors that families might be facing. Ms. Mizzi explained that by mobilizing the entire community – parents, teachers, students, police, business and civic organization, clergy, media, etc. – the coalition can work effectively to determine the best strategies to address local problems.

Several Board members asked questions about the survey all of which were answered by Dr. Waltermaurer.

Responses were provided to two community members about inquiries involving the survey.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Mr. Transom and seconded by Mrs. McGrath-Mulhern to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Marie Barbella  
Secretary to the Board of Education

Robin D. Green  
District Clerk